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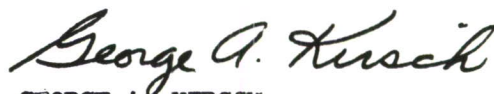
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ABSTRACT

A C-133A aircraft, SN 54-138, was surveyed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to determine the vibration environment existing on the fuselage side-wall and the cargo deck under all normal flight conditions. Approximately 9,760 data points were obtained from 16 separate locations on the vehicle during three test flights. The data obtained in this survey were evaluated to determine the adequacy of vibration testing requirements of the cargo area in the C-133A aircraft. The data obtained during this survey will be used to arrive at a more realistic set of vibration test requirements concerning (1) items of cargo to be transported in aircraft such as the C-133A and (2) items of equipment which will be installed on the cargo deck or fuselage sidewalls of the C-133A.

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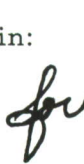

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

One of the major problems in the design, application, testing, and use of airborne equipment is the lack of sufficient data to define the actual dynamic environment in which the vehicle equipment must operate. In most cases this lack of data has resulted in either (1) overdesigning the equipment, with its attendant excessive development costs, time, specimen size, and weight, or (2) underdesigning the equipment with a resulting lack of reliability and limited service life. To acquire the needed information, the Environmental Criteria Branch, Environmental Division, Directorate of Engineering Test, Deputy Commander/Test and Support, has implemented a comprehensive data acquisition program aimed at obtaining vibration data on all available aircraft and missiles.

This is one of a series of reports which present vibration data measured on the structure of aircraft and missiles. The primary objective of these reports is the dissemination of important dynamics data to those concerned with developing airborne accessories. These data can be used as the basis for preparing design and testing specifications, estimating environments on air vehicles in the "drawing-board" stage, establishing optimum locations and installation practices, etc. The data in this report have been interpreted only with respect to the specific vehicle of this study, i.e., C-133A, and no attempt has been made to assimilate this information with existing data on other similar vehicles or to present complete explanations of all the vibration phenomena involved. Reports will be published later to interpret the data and to draw comprehensive conclusions concerning vibration generation, propagation, structural response characteristics, and the like. However, the test instrumentation, procedures, and data reduction methods are covered in considerable detail in this report.

SECTION II

DISCUSSION

A. Description of the C-133A Aircraft

The C-133A aircraft manufactured by the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. is a long-range, high-wing monoplane designed for use as a logistic transport. The aircraft is equipped with a fully retractable tricycle landing gear, and it is powered by four Pratt & Whitney (T34-P-7w or WA) turboprop engines. Each engine is a multistage, axial-flow, single-compressor gas turbine which produces thrust by driving a propeller at the front of the engine and discharging high-velocity gases through the nozzle at the rear. The engine is capable of developing a static maximum power (wet) of 6,500 shp. Each engine is equipped with an 18-foot Curtiss turboelectric propeller with full feathering, reverse pitch, and negative torque control features. Table I presents the principal dimensions of the C-133A aircraft.

TABLE I
C-133A GENERAL SPECIFICATION DATA

Wing Span	179 ft. 8 in.
Length	157 ft. 6 in.
Height	48 ft. 3 in.
Stabilizer Span	60 ft.
Gross Weight	275,000 lbs.
Engine RPM	11,000
Prop RPM	1,020
Number of Blades	3
Diameter of Propeller	18 ft.

B. Test Instrumentation

The test instrumentation comprised the following: (1) twenty-four MB Manufacturing Co. Type 124 velocity pickups; (2) one Davies Laboratory, Inc. Model 501, 14-channel magnetic tape recorder, and (3) a remotely controlled pickup selector switch. The pickups on the cargo deck were mounted in groups of three and oriented to sense vibration along each of the three major axes of the aircraft. The sidewall pickups were mounted individually and oriented to measure vibration perpendicular to the sidewall of the fuselage, i. e., in the lateral direction. These pickups were attached to the aircraft cargo deck and sidewall at 16 points of interest. The locations are shown in Figure 1, Appendix A which presents a more detailed description of the instrumentation.

C. Test Procedure

Three flights were made during this survey. Vibration records were obtained during all of the normal conditions expected in service, such as taxi, ground runup, takeoff, climb, straight and level flight (at various altitudes, airspeeds, and power settings), descent, landing, and landing roll. Magnetic tape recordings were obtained from all test pickups for each of the specified test conditions. A reel of recorded magnetic tape data consisted of approximately 90 data samples, each having, generally, a length of 75 inches and covering a period of 5 seconds. Further information concerning the test procedure is contained in Appendix A.

D. Data Processing

The reels of recorded data were edited in the laboratory. Then, each data sample, which includes twelve channels of test data, was spliced into an endless loop. Next, each loop was placed on a Davies Model 502 tape playback system.

Then, a narrow bandwidth (10 cycles per second) analysis was conducted simultaneously on six of the twelve data channels of the loop and the analyzed data were recorded on six modified Brown strip chart recorders in the form of a continuous spectrum of frequency (cps) versus transducer voltage (rms). This procedure was repeated to analyze and record the analyzed data of the other six data channels of the loop. The analyzer used is a heterodyne type, Davies Model 510.

The data points of interest were then extracted from the strip chart recording, tabulated, and punched into IBM cards. Corresponding decks of "master cards" which contain detailed descriptive information concerning pickup location, flight test conditions, and source and order of vibration were also produced. Next, the raw data together with the formula for computing double amplitude in inches and acceleration in g units and the appropriate descriptive information on the "master cards" were fed to an ERA 1103A computer. The completed data cards were then sorted into the desired order and the data were plotted by an automatic plotter having IBM card input capabilities.

E. Presentation of Data

The plots contained in this report are: (1) summary plots for each individual pickup for all of the flight test conditions, (2) summary plots for each cluster of pickups (2 or 3) at any given test point, and (3) summary plots for structural "zones" for all of the flight test conditions. These types of data presentation have proven satisfactory for use in establishing specification requirements and in estimating vibration environments in other similar vehicles. However, in instances where more detailed analysis of the vibration characteristics is required, graphs could be prepared to show variations of many parameters affecting the vibration conditions in the vehicle. For example, graphs can be made showing variation of vibration as a function of the following parameters: (1) indicated airspeed, (2) altitude, (3) power, (4) flight condition, (5) engine and propeller orders, etc. Plots of this type can be furnished if requested. A more detailed description of data handling procedures, data analysis, and presentation methods is contained in Appendix A.

SECTION III

RESULTS

During the three test flights 9,762 data points were obtained. As evidenced by the graphs contained in Appendix A, the data are of the discrete frequency type. The sources of these frequencies are (1) the propeller and (2) the engine.

The frequencies produced by the propeller are apparent throughout the entire cargo deck. For the most part, the vibration produced by the propeller is a result of aerodynamic disturbances induced by the blade passage. Hence, the frequencies are multiples of the blade-passage frequency. They range from the third propeller order up to the 30th order and show distinctly every third propeller

order at approximately 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, and 500 cps. The amplitudes varied with flight conditions, location and orientation of the transducer, and the structural zone.

The vibration produced by the engine is very sparse and low in amplitude. The second engine order of approximately 355 cps was noted.

The test data indicated that the following vibration envelope would define satisfactorily the in-flight vibration characteristics of the C-133A aircraft cargo deck.

5 to 10 cps	-	0.08 in. double amplitude
10 to 14 cps	-	± 0.40 g vibratory acceleration
14 to 36 cps	-	0.036 in. double amplitude
36 to 500 cps	-	± 2.5 g vibratory acceleration

Also, the data revealed that the following vibration envelope would define satisfactorily the in-flight vibration characteristics of the C-133A aircraft sidewall.

5 to 10 cps	-	0.08 in. double amplitude
10 to 14 cps	-	± 0.40 g vibratory acceleration
14 to 52 cps	-	0.036 in. double amplitude
52 to 500 cps	-	± 10 g vibratory acceleration

SECTION IV

CONCLUSION

The resonant frequency of any vibrations isolators used should be in the 20-to 30-cps frequency band to have satisfactory operation and service life and to avoid resonant excitation.

APPENDIX A

Instrumentation

Twelve MB Type 124 velocity pickups were mounted in clusters of three at four separate test points on the cargo deck, and another twelve pickups were mounted individually on the fuselage sidewall. The locations are summarized in Table II and shown in Figure 1. The Type 124 velocity pickup has the following characteristics:

Nominal sensitivity	-	96.4 mv(rms) per inch per sec. (rms)
Usable frequency range	-	5 to 2000 cps
Temperature range	-	-65 to 250 ^o F

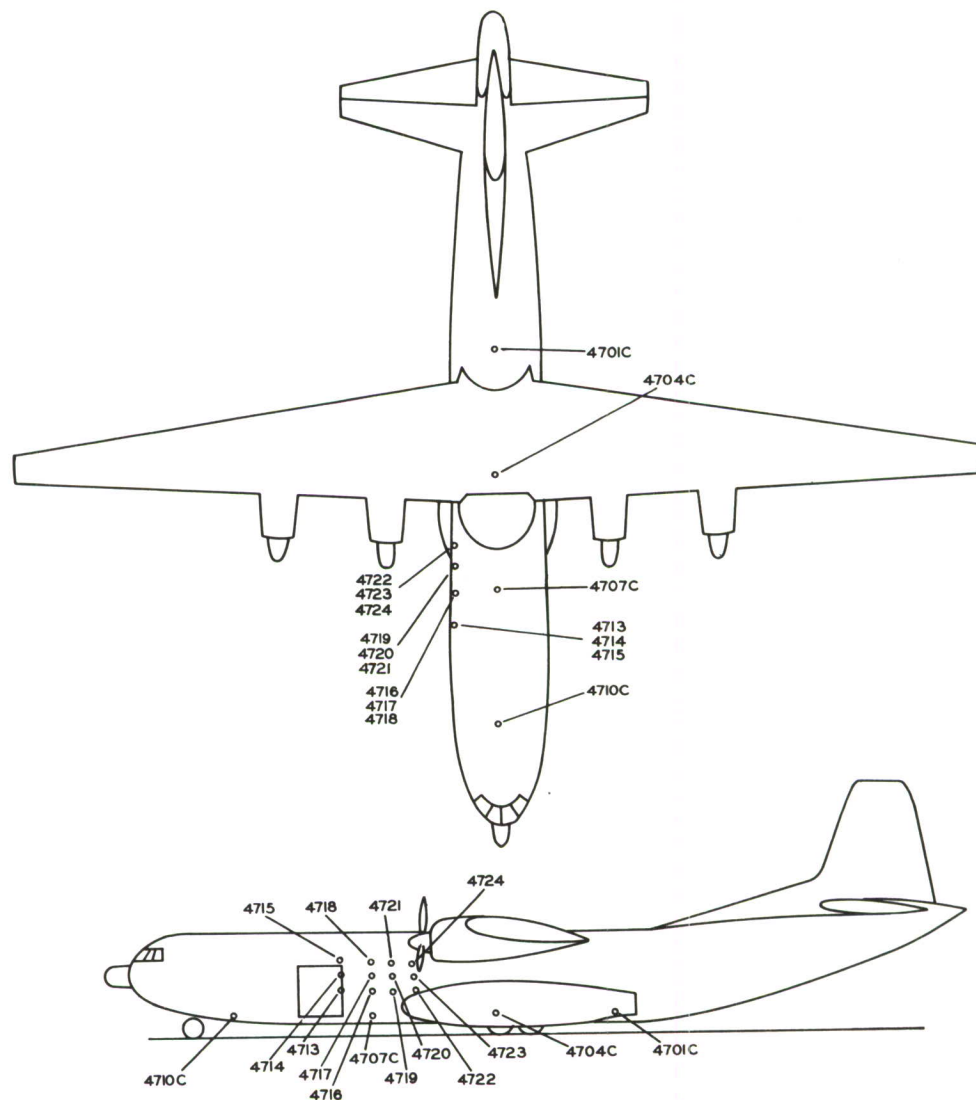


Figure 1. Schematic Presentation of Pickup Locations

TABLE II
PICKUP LOCATIONS

PUID	Location	Direction	PUID	Location	Direction
01	Aft End of Cargo Deck - Sta. 1120	Lat	17	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 95 in. above Deck - Sta. 580	Lat
02		Vert			
03		F/A			
04	Floor of Cargo Deck - Sta. 844	Lat	18	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 115 in. above Deck - Sta. 580	Lat
05		Vert			
06		F/A			
07	Floor of Cargo Deck - Sta. 580	Lat	19	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 57 in. above Deck - Sta. 630	Lat
08		Vert			
09		F/A			
10	Forward End of Cargo Deck - Sta. 278	Lat	20	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 95 in. above Deck - Sta. 630	Lat
11		Vert			
12		F/A			
13	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 57 in. above Deck - Sta. 505	Lat	21	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 115 in. above Deck - Sta. 630	Lat
14	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 95 in. above Deck - Sta. 505	Lat	22	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 57 in. above Deck - Sta. 680	Lat
15	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 115 in. above Deck - Sta. 505	Lat	23	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 95 in. above Deck - Sta. 680	Lat
16	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 57 in. above Deck - Sta. 580	Lat	24	Left Side of Fuselage, Forward of Prop Plane 115 in. above Deck - Sta. 680	Lat

A typical response curve is shown in Figure 2. The three-position mounting blocks used to attach the pickups to the vehicle structure have no resonances below 500 cps.

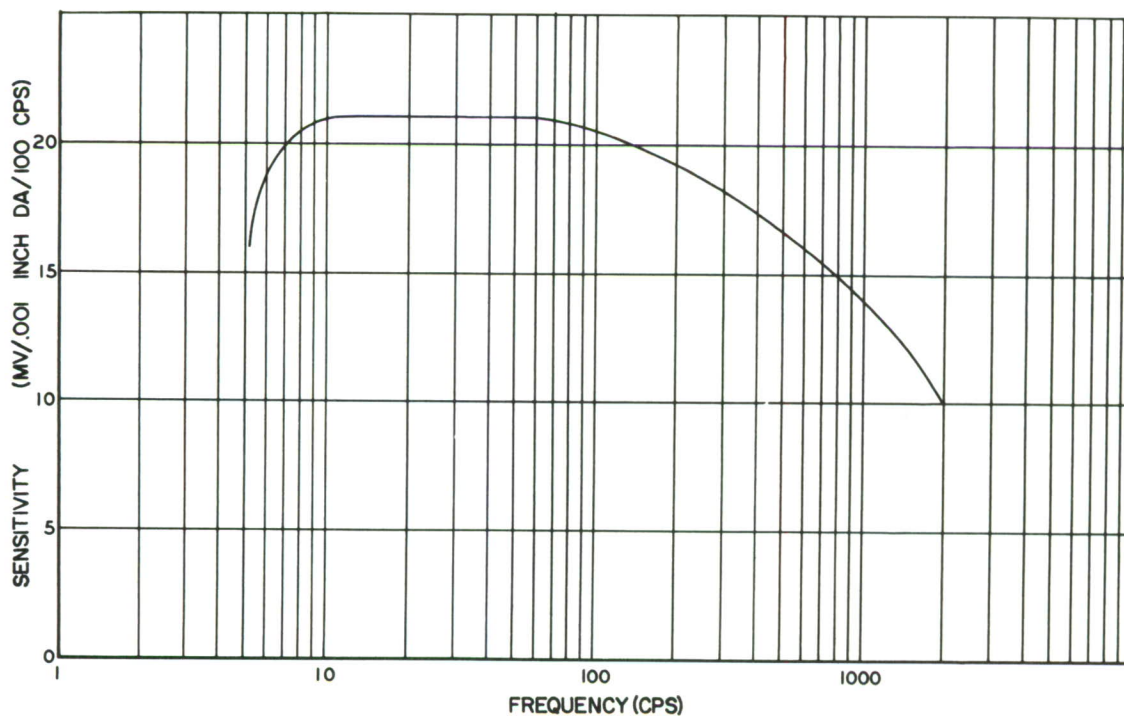


Figure 2. Frequency Response of MB Type 124 Vibration Pickup

A Davies Model 501, 14-channel magnetic tape recorder was used to record the outputs of the vibration pickups. The recorder, complete with control box and shock mount, and the pickup selector switch were installed in the nose section of the aircraft. The 26-to 28-volt DC power, required for operation of the recorder and the selector switch, was obtained from the aircraft's DC system. The recorder was preset for a recording time of five seconds. The Model 501 recorder is an FM type having the following characteristics: (1) FM carrier frequency of 10 KC, (2) intelligence frequency response of 3 to 2000 cps, (3) dynamic recording range of 45 db, (4) tape speed of 15 inches per second, (5) total recording time of approximately eight minutes, (6) weight of 55 lbs., and (7) overall dimensions, including shockmount, of 10-1/2 x 11 x 21 inches. The twelve data channels have an input impedance in excess of 100,000 ohms. The thirteenth channel has an input attenuation of approximately 45 to 1 and is designed for direct connection to the engine tachometer generator. The fourteenth channel is used to record the output from an internal, 10 KC, crystal-controlled oscillator. This channel is used during tape playback to control the playback speed by means of a servo, and it is also utilized in the electronic compensation of the tape playback and analysis system. The recorder uses 1-3/4-inch wide magnetic tape in 400-to 600-foot reels.

TABLE III
FLIGHT CONDITIONS FOR C-133A

<u>Flight Attitude</u>	<u>%RPM</u>	<u>IAS</u>	<u>Alt x 10³</u>	<u>Torque</u>	<u>IHP</u>
Taxi	58-65	0	0	2.0-4.0	3
Ground Runup	95-97	0	0	25.0	63-64
Takeoff	100	50-100	0	35.0-38.0	93-100
Climb	96-101	145-200	1-19	21.5-35.0	57-100
Straight and Level	95-100	150-253	2-20	15.0-31.0	38-82
Descent	94-97	140-270	3-18	5.0-13.0	13-65
Descent, Flaps and Gear Extended	95	110-150	1-5	2.5-19.0	8-48
Touchdown	0	90	0	4.0	0
Reverse Prop	0	50	0	4.0	0
Landing Roll	160	40	0	10.0	27

Test Procedure

Three test flights were flown during this survey. A summary of the test conditions is shown in Table III. The test plan was based on requirements of interested laboratories at ASD and on information obtained from USAF flight test pilots. Data were obtained during all of the normal operational configurations expected of the aircraft. Test conditions were also established which permitted

the evaluation of variables, such as altitude, indicated airspeed, engine thrust at constant airspeeds and altitudes, and the effects of using the speed brakes gear and other control surfaces at various airspeeds. Prior to each flight, the test pilot was thoroughly briefed on the desired flight test conditions and was given the appropriate flight test data card. As soon as the desired flight test condition was attained, the output of each of the 24 pickups was recorded in successive groups of 12 each by means of a remotely controlled selector switch. The number of data samples acquired during the three test flights totaled 155. The reels of recorded data were sent to the laboratory for analysis.

Data Processing

The reels of tape were edited and each five-second record (data sample) was spliced into a continuous loop and properly labeled. These records were analyzed by means of a Davies Model 510 automatic analyzer, which was used in conjunction with a Davies Model 502 magnetic tape playback system. The complete playback and analysis system is shown in Figure 3.

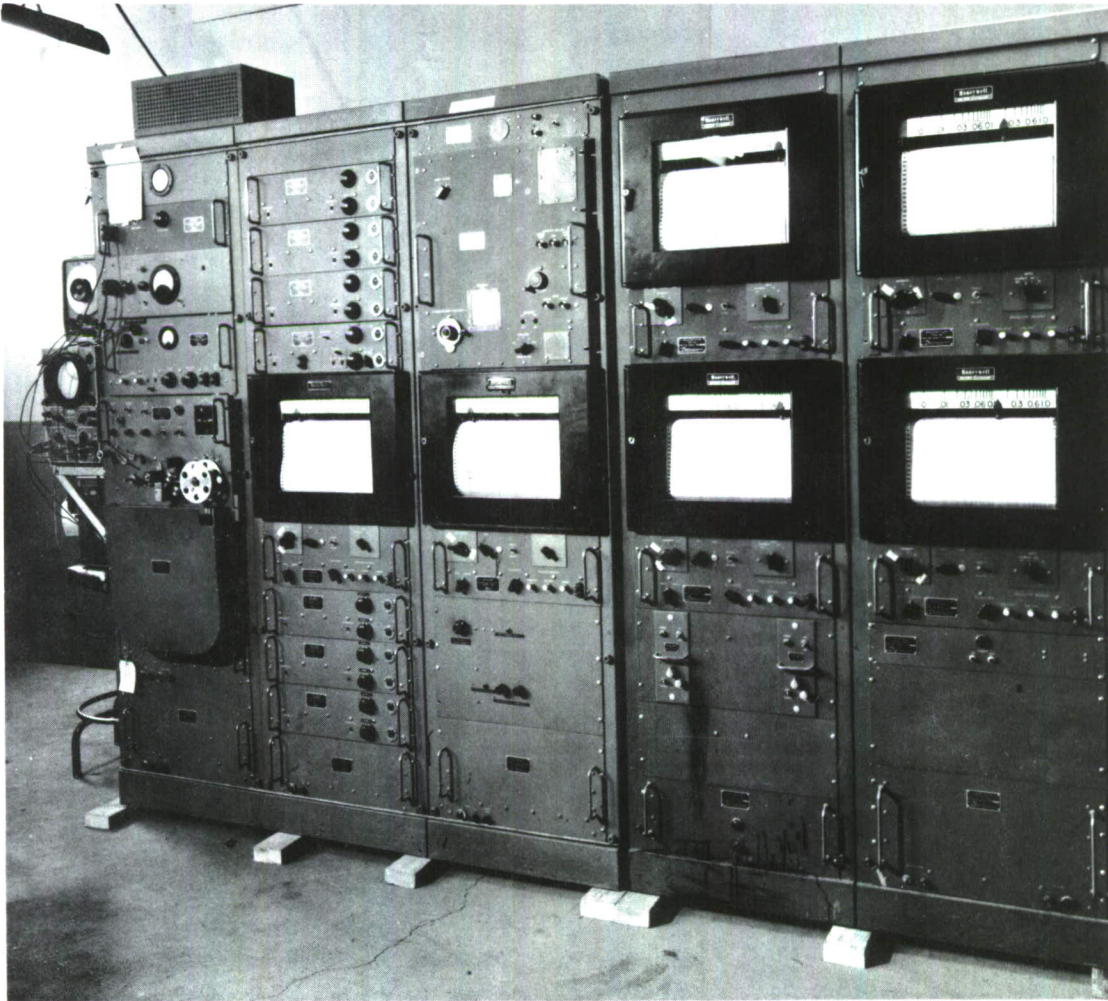


Figure 3. Automatic Tape Playback and Analysis Equipment

The Model 502 magnetic tape playback system had been modified to provide playback at either 15 or 30 inches per second. The tape playback contains a servo-control system which permits playback of the tape within very close tolerances of its originally recorded speed. During playback the output from all fourteen tracks is fed simultaneously into the fourteen FM playback discriminators. The output signal from each of the twelve data channels is a 1 to 1 reproduction of the original analog signal.

An important feature of the playback system, i. e., electronic compensation, should be discussed briefly at this point. During the data recording process, the input of the fourteenth channel is the voltage from a very stable, 10 KC crystal-controlled, reference frequency oscillator contained within the recorder. During playback, a portion of this 10 KC signal is fed into a standard FM discriminator channel. Assuming there were no wow and flutter during playback, the output voltage from this particular discriminator, i. e., the fourteenth channel, would be zero. Therefore, if any voltage is obtained from this channel during playback, it is an "error" voltage produced by wow and flutter. This "error" voltage with its phase shifted 180 degrees is fed simultaneously into the output stage of each of the twelve data channels. In this manner, the extraneous voltages due to wow and flutter are eliminated from the signal output of the data channels. Prior to playback of data, each of the data channels is adjusted for optimum cancellation (approximately 40 db). Hence, an overall dynamic range of 45 db (record through playback) can be maintained consistently. Table IV contains a summary of facts pertinent to the Davies Model 502 magnetic tape playback system and the Davies Model 510 automatic wave analyzer.

TABLE IV
SPECIFICATIONS FOR DAVIES LABORATORIES
MODEL 502 MAGNETIC TAPE PLAYBACK
AND MODEL 510 AUTOMATIC ANALYZER

Frequency Range	3 cps to 2,000 cps
Frequency Accuracy	0.2 cps from 3 to 40 cps 0.5% from 40 to 2,000 cps
Input Voltage Range (2-position switch)	1.0 volt or 10 volts rms maximum
Amplitude Accuracy	5% of reading or 0.2% of full scale
Selectivity	Narrow Range - continuously variable from 1/2 to 8 cps Broad Range - continuously variable from 8 to 45 cps
Scanning Speeds, Motor Drive	Speed Range 25:1 - continuously adjustable Minimum Sweep Time - 15 minutes Maximum Sweep Time - 6 hrs. and 15 min.
Recorder Speed of Response	2 seconds for 90% full scale
Tape Speed	15 or 30 inches per second
Loop Length	Approx. 2-1/2 ft. to at least 75 ft.
Tape Width	1 and 1-3/4 inch

The Davies Model 510 automatic analyzer is a constant-bandwidth, heterodyne analyzer complete with motor-driven, variable frequency oscillator. The system has six separate analyzers and can analyze six data channels simultaneously. Both the oscillator scanning rate and analyzer bandwidth are adjustable over the following limits: (1) scan rate 0.3 to 3.0 cps/sec. and (2) bandwidth 1 to 40 cps. The output of the six wave analyzer channels was fed into six modified Brown strip chart recorders. A continuous spectrum plot of frequency (cps) vs voltage (rms) was produced by the strip chart recorders. The chart speed is servo-controlled and can be varied from 0.08 to 13.5 inches per minute. The voltage was plotted on a logarithmic scale and the time required for full-scale deflection, i.e., zero to one volt, was approximately two seconds. A sample analysis of a 100-cps square wave is shown in Figure 4.

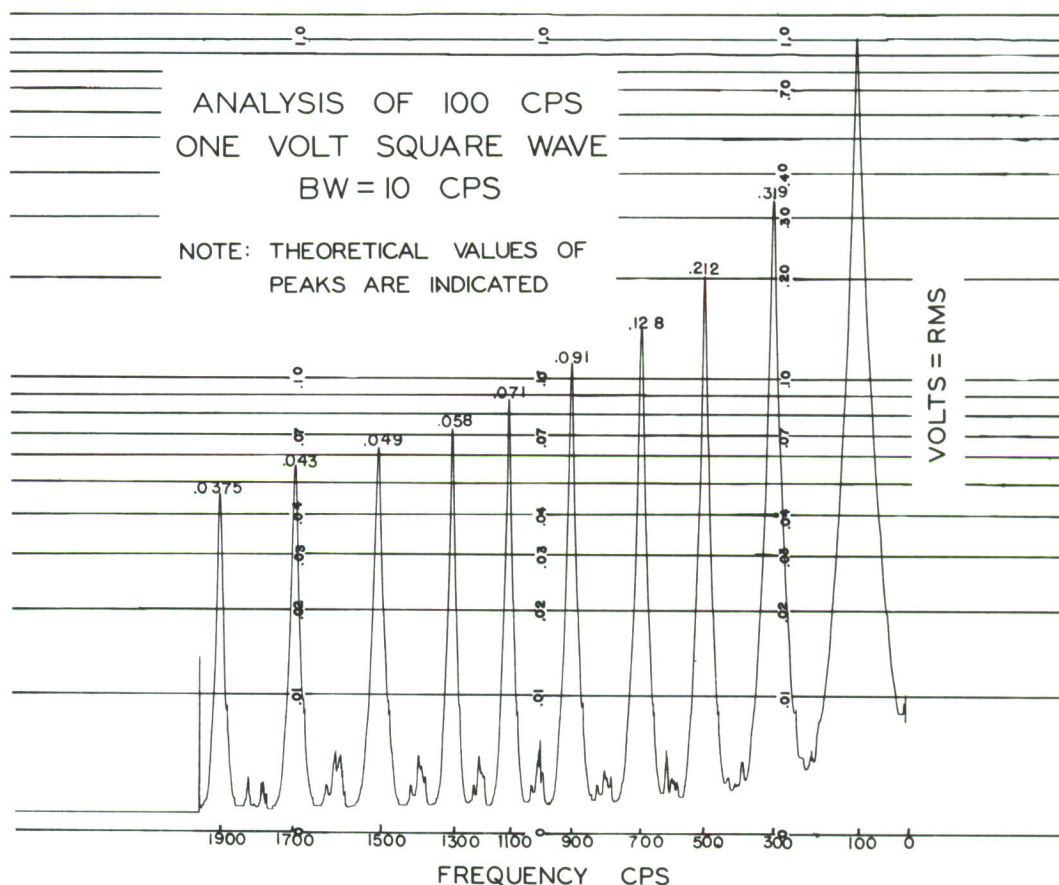


Figure 4. Analysis of 100 cps One Volt Square Wave

In selecting the bandwidth to be used in an analysis of this type, the following must be considered: (1) the frequency resolution desired, (2) the rate of scan, (3) the length of the data sample, (4) the time available for data analysis, (5) the quantity of data to be analyzed, (6) the type of data being analyzed, and (7) the type of presentation of the completed data. Based on a consideration of these variables, a bandwidth of ten cycles per second was selected for these analyses.

Following the harmonic analysis, the Brown strip chart recordings were edited and the voltage peaks of interest were marked. Each of these peaks constitutes a data point. The corresponding values of frequency and voltage for each of these peaks were tabulated, and subsequently punched into IBM cards. Each data point goes on a separate card. Then these cards were processed through the ERA 1103A computer at the rate of ninety cards per minute. Prior to processing each set or flight of data cards through the computer, a series of three sets of "master" cards was made and fed into the computer. These sets of "master" cards are:

- (1) The "Flight Condition Masters"; these contain all of the necessary flight parameters, i.e., altitude, IAS, power, etc., associated with each of the data cards. This information is obtained from the flight test data card.
- (2) The "Pickup Location Masters"; these contain the information required to identify each data point of each channel and record number with a particular pickup.
- (3) The "Source and Order Masters"; these contain sufficient information to identify specific vibration frequencies with known orders of engine and propeller unbalance and also blade passage frequencies of the propeller or rotor blades, as the case may be.

As the data cards are processed, a new and complete "answer" card having the following information is produced: (1) the computed values of double amplitude in inches, acceleration in g's, log of frequency, log of double amplitude, and log of acceleration, (2) all of the data on the original data card, and (3) all of the appropriate data obtained from the "Master" cards. The order and limits of the information in the final analysis are shown in Table V.

After the computations were completed, all of the data cards were arranged in the desired sequence by means of an IBM sorter. Then a multi-copy IBM listing was made of all data. These listings were used in detail studies of the data and in checking the accuracy of the completed graphs.

Automatic plotters utilizing IBM card input produced the graphs of frequency in cycles per second vs. vibratory double amplitude in inches. The plotting rate ranged from 30 to 60 points per minute. The three types of graphs plotted are:

- (1) Summary plots (all test conditions) for each individual vibration pickup,
- (2) Summary plots for each cluster of pickups (2 or 3),
- (3) Summary plots for each structural zone.

Each of the three types of graphs has all the appropriate data obtained from the three flights. No plots were made to indicate the effects of variables, such as power, altitude, IAS, etc., however, such plots can be obtained upon request.

TABLE V
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON IBM CARDS

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Category</u>
1 - 2	0 - 99	Pickup Location
3 - 4	1 - 31	Day
5 - 6	1 - 12	Month
7 - 8	1 - 24	Time
9 - 10	1 - 12	Channel Number
11 - 12	0 - 99	Record Number
13 - 16	0 - 2000	Frequency in cps
17 - 20	0 - .9999	Voltage
21 - 23	0 - 285	Engine Speed
24 - 26	0 - 999	IAS in Knots
27 - 28	0 - 60	Altitude in 1000 feet
29 - 30	1 - 12	Source
31 - 32	0 - 24	Order
33 - 34	1 - 63	Flight Condition
35 - 36	N. A.	Blank
37 - 41	0 - .9999	Double Amplitude in Inches
42 - 45	0 - 99.99	Acceleration in g
46 - 50	N. A.	Log of Frequency
51 - 55	N. A.	Log of Double Amplitude
56 - 60	N. A.	Log of Acceleration
61 - 62	0 - 45	Aircraft I.D. Number
63 - 65	0 - 100	Man. Pres. -- in. Hg Power Lever Angle in Degrees
66 - 68	0 - 150	Percent of Rated H.P. Percent of Rated Thrust
69 - 70	1 - 27	Structural Zone
71 - 80	N. A.	Blank

The Type 1 graphs permit a detailed study of the vibration characteristics along a single axis at a particular location in the test vehicle.

The Type 2 graphs present the overall vibration environment, measured under all test conditions, at each of the test points where 2 or 3 pickups were mounted in a cluster.

The Type 3 graphs show the overall vibration environment for a structural zone, e.g., front quarter of the fuselage. The structure of the test vehicle has been arbitrarily divided into nine major areas. Each of these major areas has been further subdivided into the following three categories: (1) vehicle structure, (2) rigidly mounted equipment, and (3) shock mounted equipment. A complete listing of these structural zones is contained in Table VI. A diagram of seven of the nine major areas is shown in Figure 5.

TABLE VI
CODE FOR STRUCTURAL ZONE OF A/C

<u>Code Nr.</u>	<u>Structural Zone</u>
01	Forward Quarter of Fuselage
02	Center Half of Fuselage
03	Aft Quarter of Fuselage
04	Vert. & Horiz. Stab. Incl. Rudder & Elevators
05	Outer one-third of Wing
06	Inner two-thirds of Wing
07	Engine
08	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Forward Quarter of Fuselage
09	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Center Half of Fuselage
10	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Aft Quarter of Fuselage
11	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Vert. & Horiz. Stab. Incl. Rudder & Elevators
12	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Outer one-third of Wing
13	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Inner two-thirds of Wing
14	Rigidly Mounted Equipment in Engine
15	Shock Mounted Equipment in Forward Quarter of Fuselage
16	Shock Mounted Equipment in Center Half of Fuselage
17	Shock Mounted Equipment in Aft Quarter of Fuselage
18	Shock Mounted Equipment in Vert. & Horiz. Stab. Incl. Rudder & Elevators
19	Shock Mounted Equipment in Outer one-third of Wing
20	Shock Mounted Equipment in Inner two-thirds of Wing
21	Shock Mounted Equipment in Engine
22	Engine Accessory Section
23	Main Rotor Transmission Case
24	Rigidly Mounted on Engine Accessory Section
25	Rigidly Mounted on Main Rotor Transmission Case
26	Shock Mounted on Engine Accessory Section
27	Shock Mounted on Main Rotor Transmission Case

All graphs are log-log (3 x 5 cycle) plots of frequency vs. vibratory double amplitude. As indicated previously, the logs of frequency, double amplitude, and acceleration were determined during the computation phase of data reduction. These

computations are necessary for the automatic plotting of frequency vs. double amplitude on a log-log scale. For the standard automatic plotters available can not accept linear input and then plot on a log scale. Therefore, by using the proper scale factors, the logarithms of the desired variables can be fed to any standard plotter to produce log-log plots of the original data. On these graphs of frequency vs. double amplitude, levels of vibratory acceleration appear as straight lines of constant slope. Reference lines having values of ± 0.5 , ± 1.0 , ± 5.0 , and ± 10.0 g are included on all graphs. This arrangement permits simultaneous readings of double amplitude and acceleration at any given frequency.

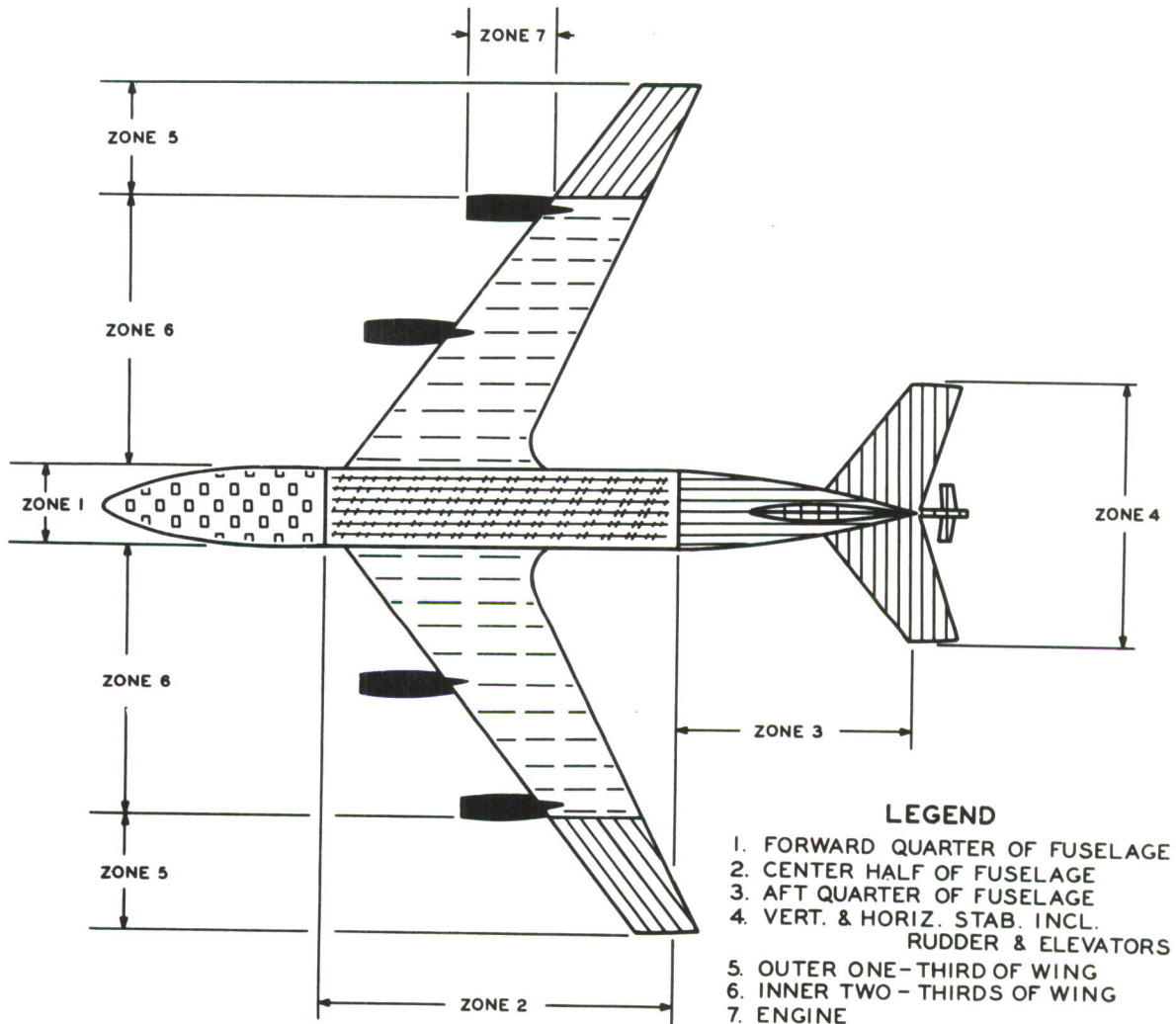


Figure 5. Aircraft Configuration Depicting Seven Structural Zones

A more detailed description of the data reduction processes used to reduce the vibration data is contained in WADC TN 59-44, ASTIA Document Nr. AD210478, dated February 1959, which is titled, "Data Reduction Techniques for Flight Vibration Measurements."

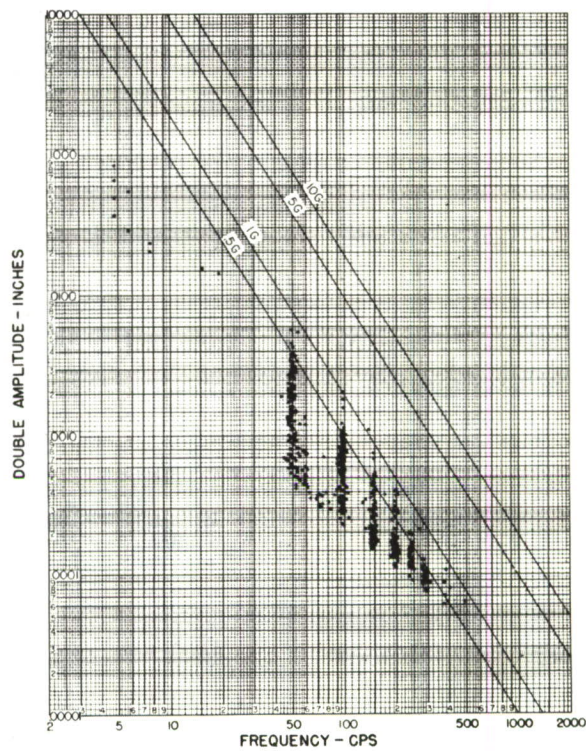


Figure 6.

LOCATION: FORWARD QUARTER OF FUSELAGE

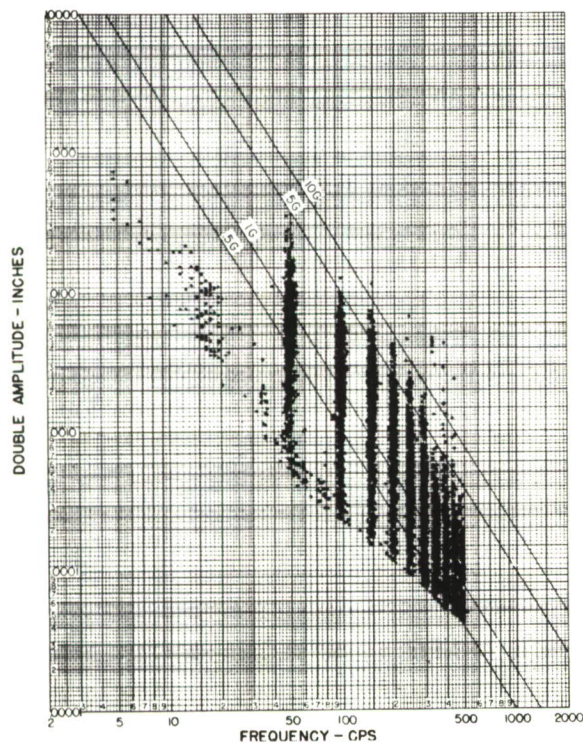


Figure 7.

LOCATION: CENTER HALF OF FUSELAGE

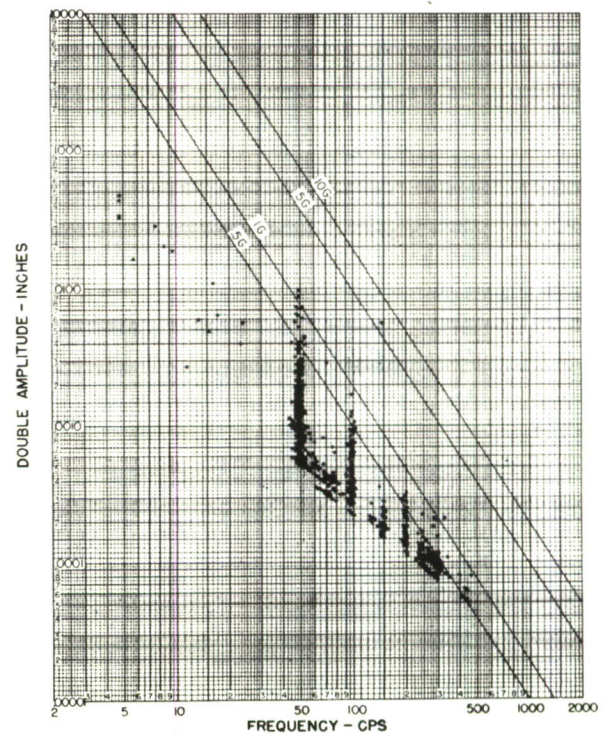


Figure 8.

LOCATION: AFT QUARTER OF FUSELAGE

Figures 6 to 8. Summary Plots for Structural Zones

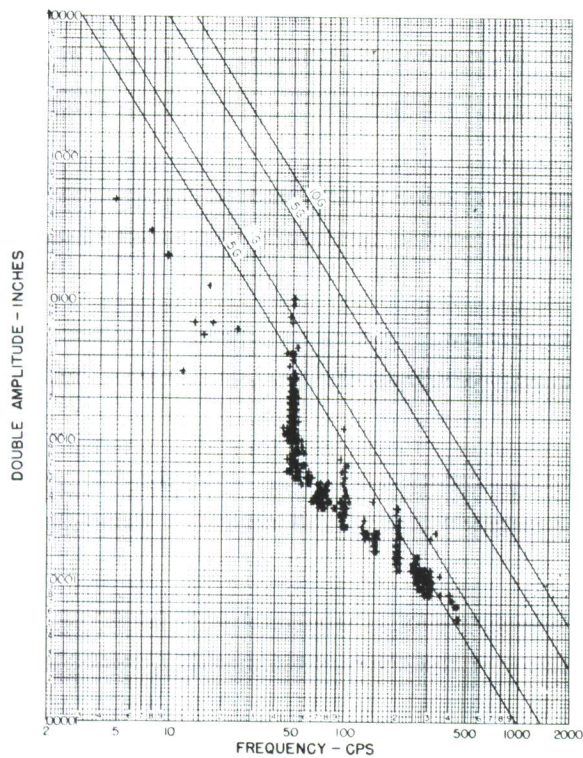


Figure 9.

DIRECTION: LAT, VERT, F/A
LOCATION: AFT END OF CARGO DECK,
STA-1120

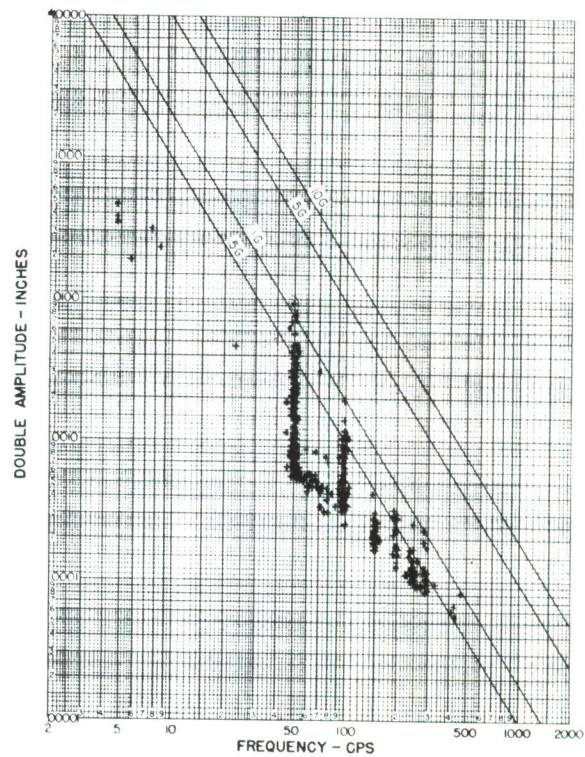


Figure 10.

DIRECTION: LAT, VERT, F/A
LOCATION: FLOOR OF CARGO DECK,
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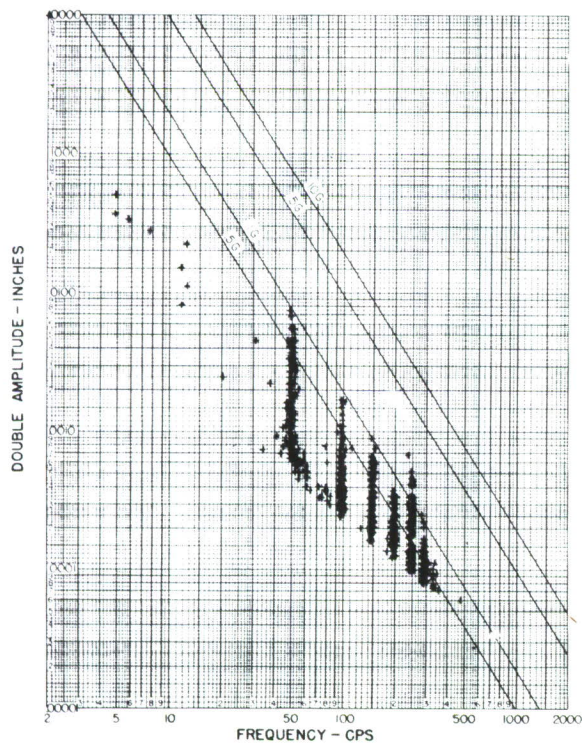


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DIRECTION: LAT, VERT, F/A
LOCATION: FLOOR OF CARGO DECK,
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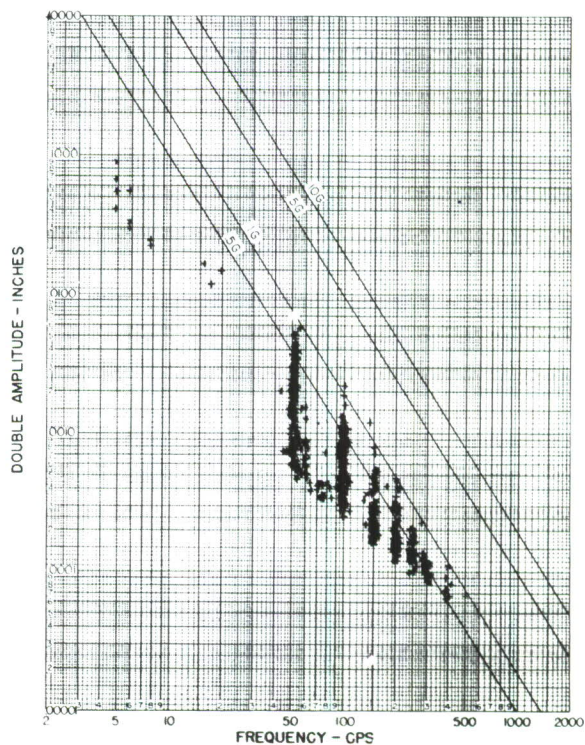


Figure 12.

DIRECTION: LAT, VERT, F/A
LOCATION: FWD. END OF CARGO DECK,
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Figures 9 to 12. Summary Plots for Clusters of Two or Three Pickups

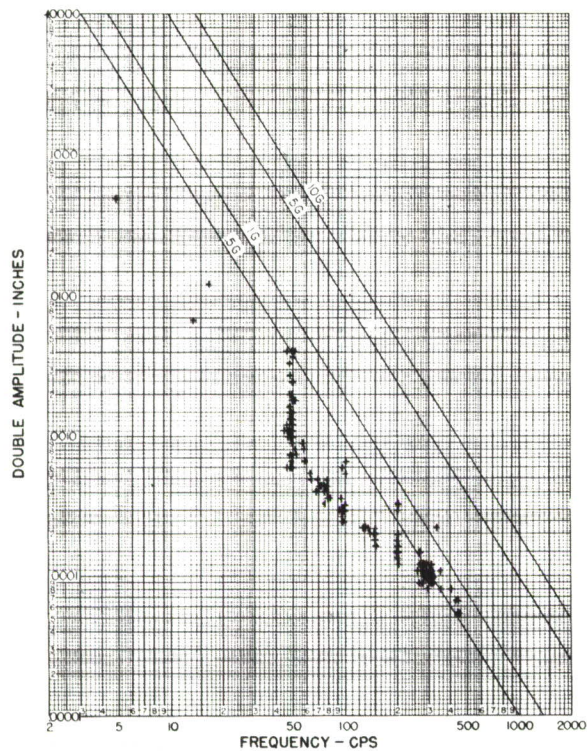


Figure 13. DIRECTION: LAT
LOCATION: AFT END OF CARGO DECK,
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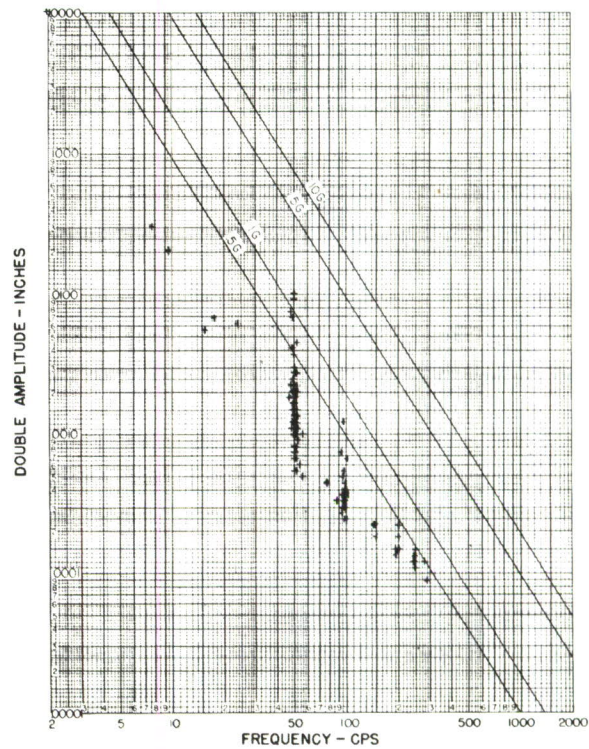


Figure 14. DIRECTION: VERT
LOCATION: AFT END OF CARGO DECK,
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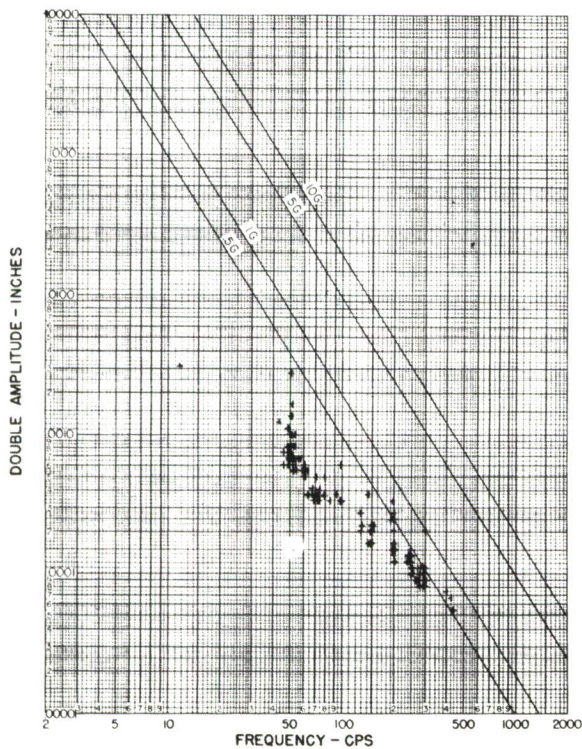


Figure 15. DIRECTION: F/A
LOCATION: AFT END OF CARGO DECK,
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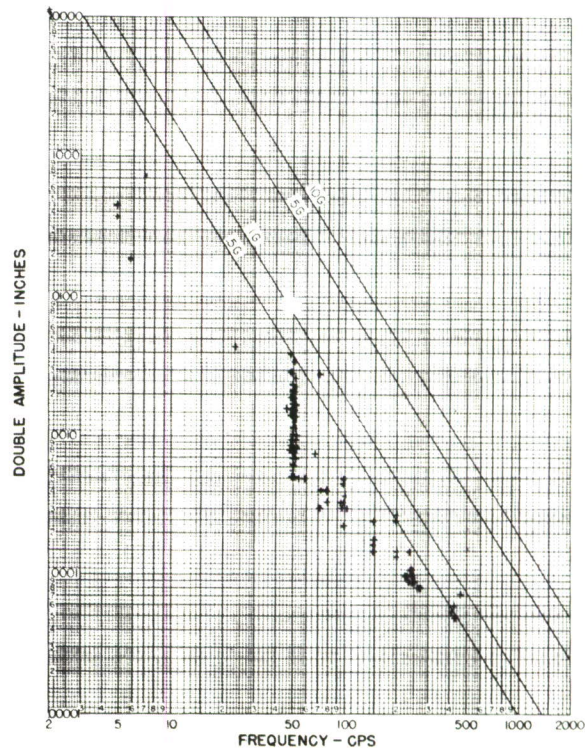


Figure 16. DIRECTION: LAT
LOCATION: FLOOR OF CARGO DECK,
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Figures 13 to 16. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups

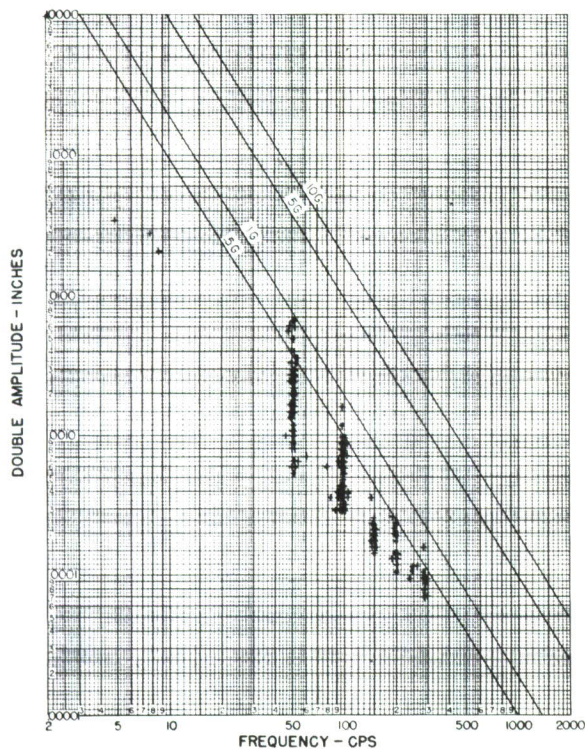


Figure 17. DIRECTION: VERT
LOCATION: FLOOR OF CARGO DECK,
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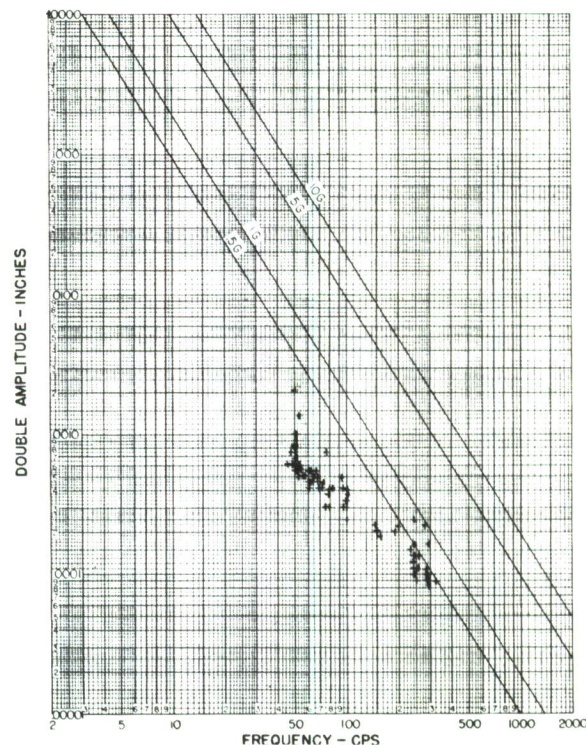


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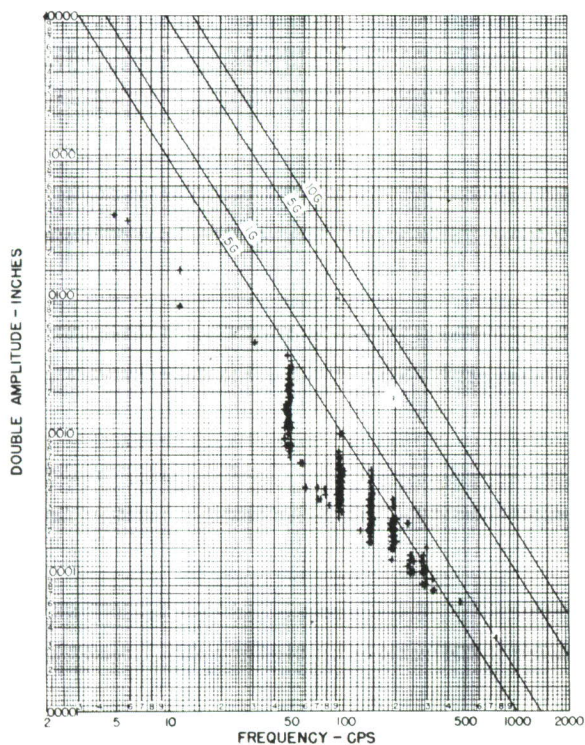


Figure 19. DIRECTION: LAT
LOCATION: FLOOR OF CARGO DECK,
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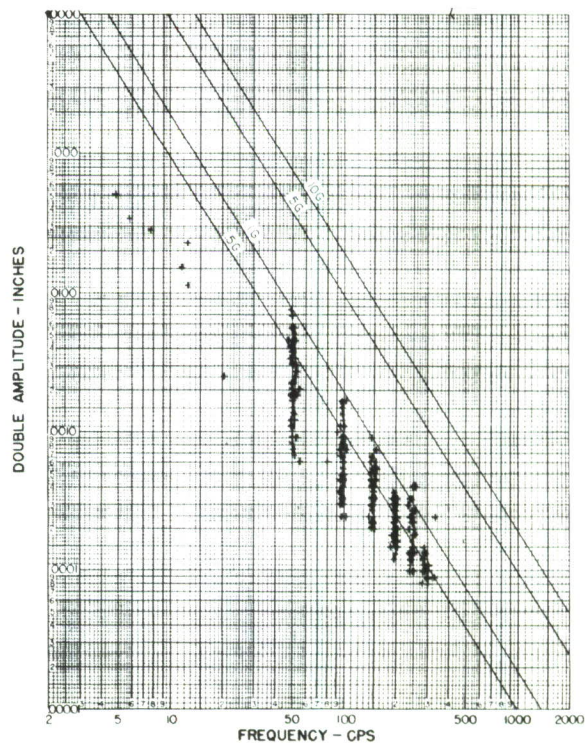


Figure 20. DIRECTION: VERT
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Figures 17 to 20. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups

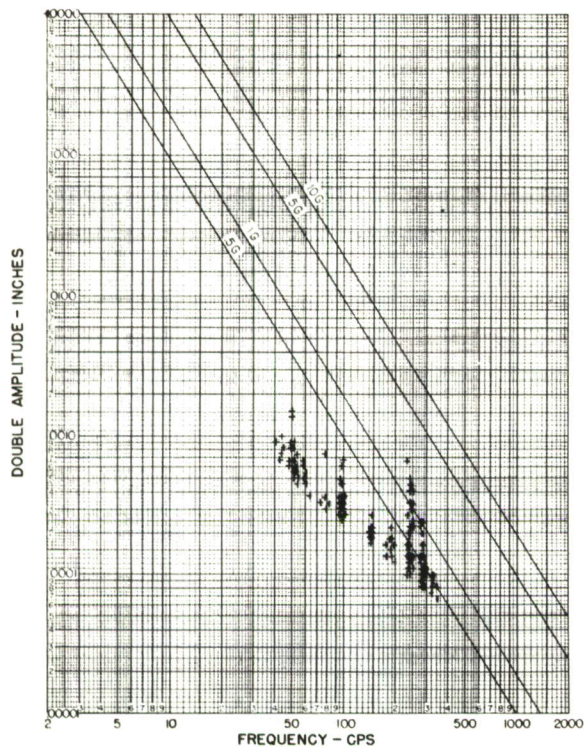


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DIRECTION: F/A
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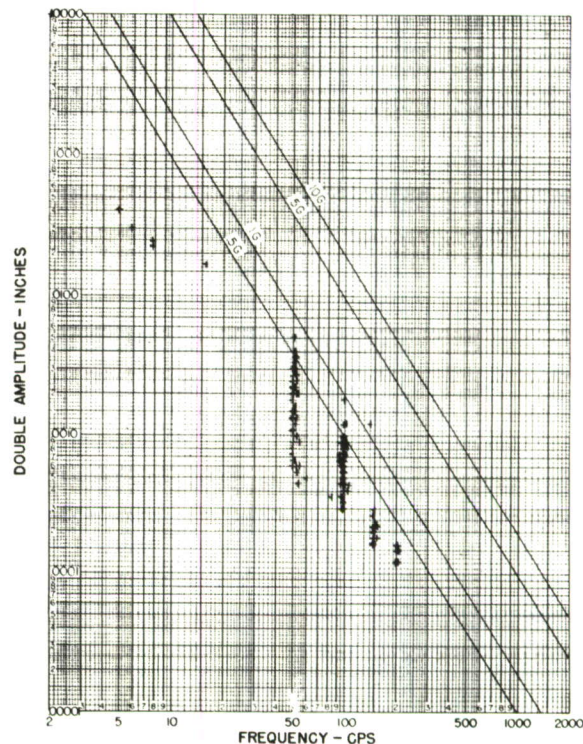


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DIRECTION: LAT
LOCATION: FWD. END OF CARGO DECK,
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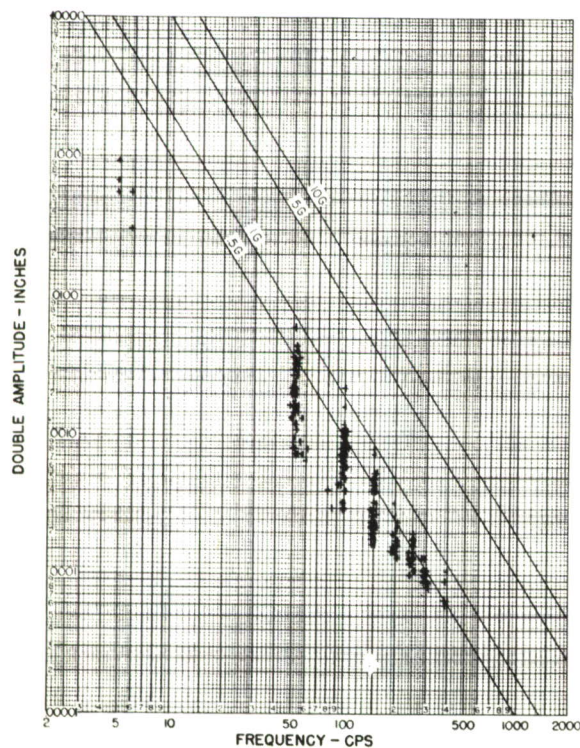


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LOCATION: FWD. END OF CARGO DECK,
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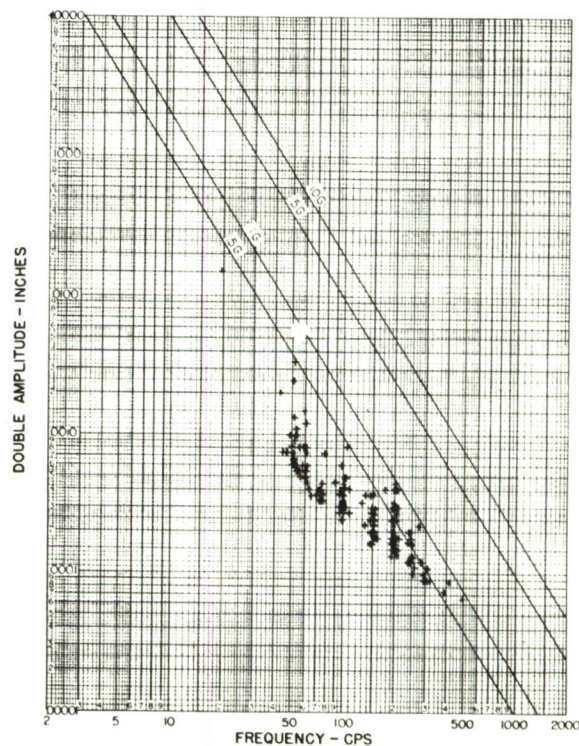


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Figures 21 to 24. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups

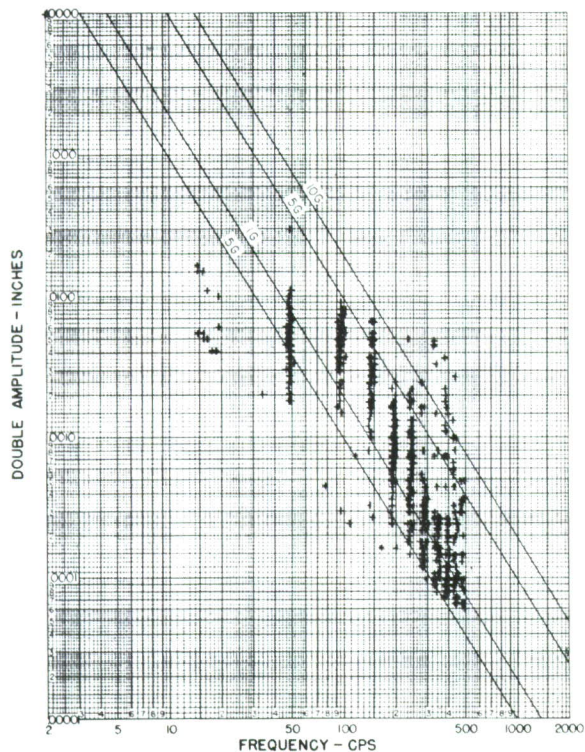


Figure 25. DIRECTION: LAT
LOCATION: LEFT SIDE FUSELAGE FWD. OF PROP
PLANE 57° ABOVE DECK,
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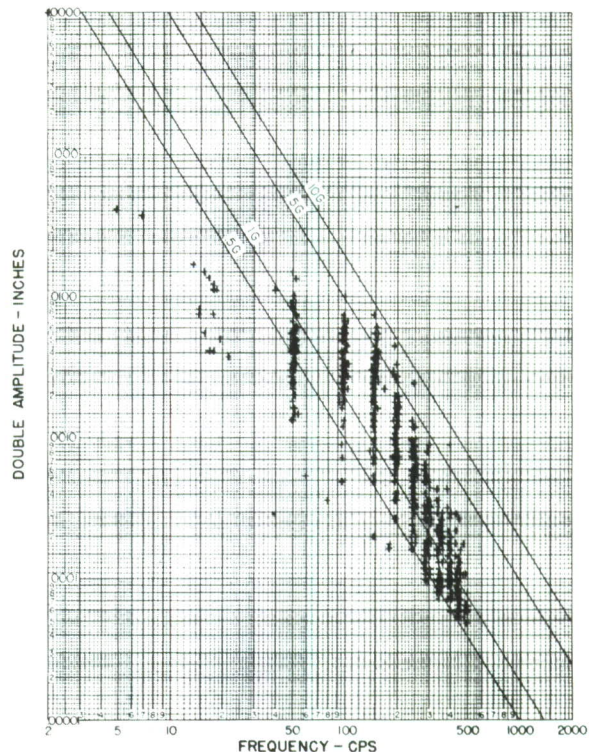


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LOCATION: LEFT SIDE OF FUSELAGE FWD. OF PROP
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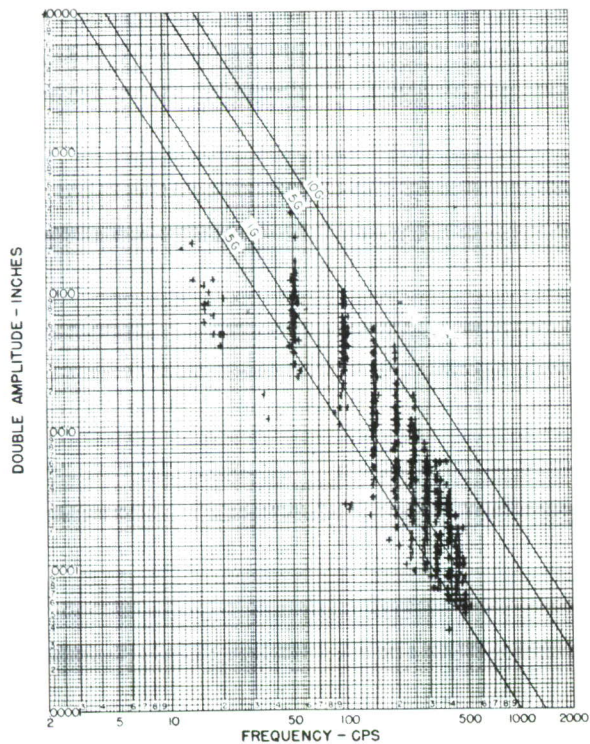


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PLANE 115° ABOVE DECK,
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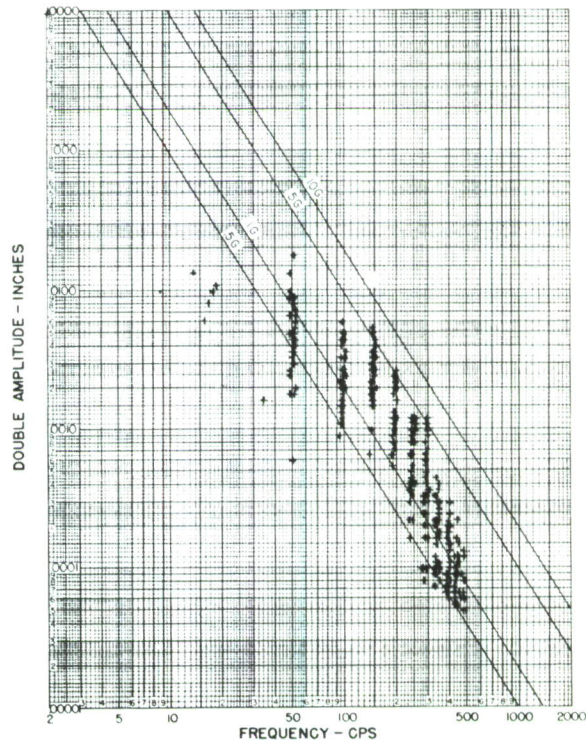


Figure 28. DIRECTION: LAT
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PLANE 87° ABOVE DECK,
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Figures 25 to 28. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups

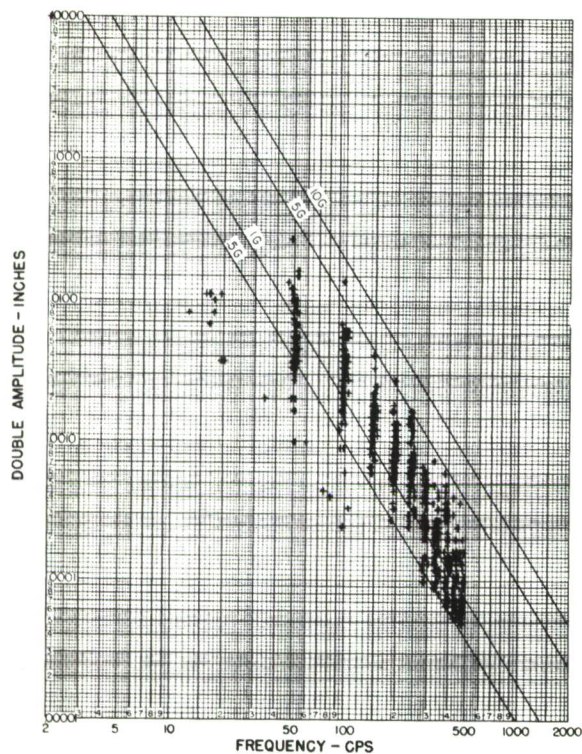


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LOCATION: LEFT SIDE FUSELAGE FWD. OF PROP PLANE
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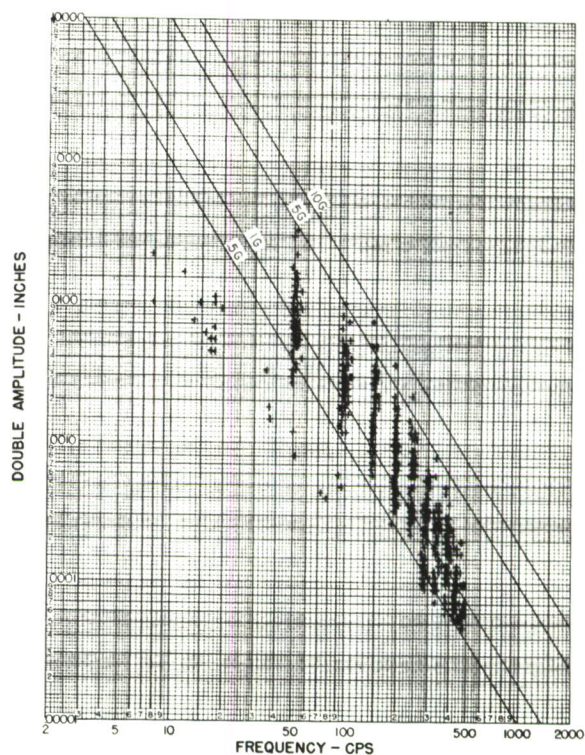


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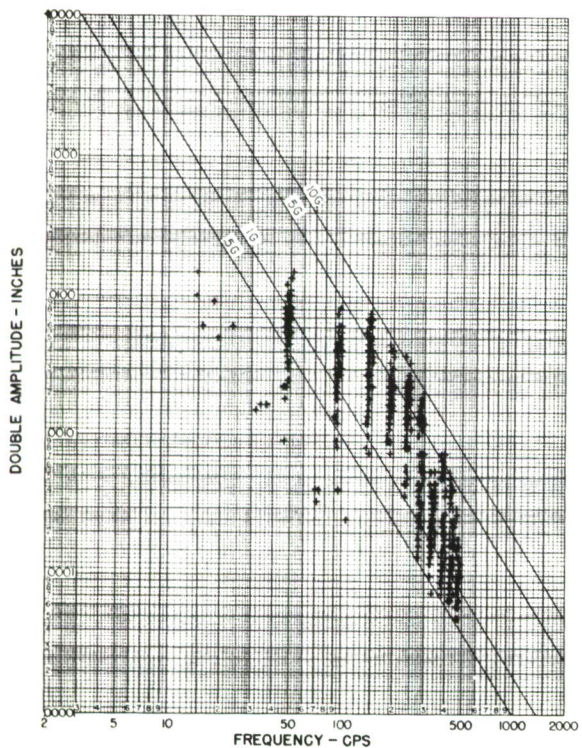


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LOCATION: SIDEWALL-LEFT SIDE FUSELAGE FWD. OF
PROP PLANE 57" ABOVE DECK,
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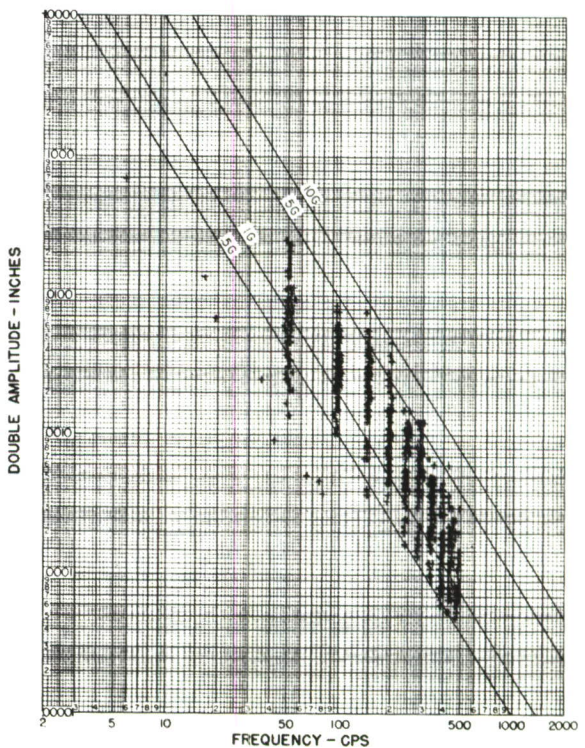


Figure 32. DIRECTION: LAT
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PLANE 95" ABOVE DECK,
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Figures 29 to 32. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups

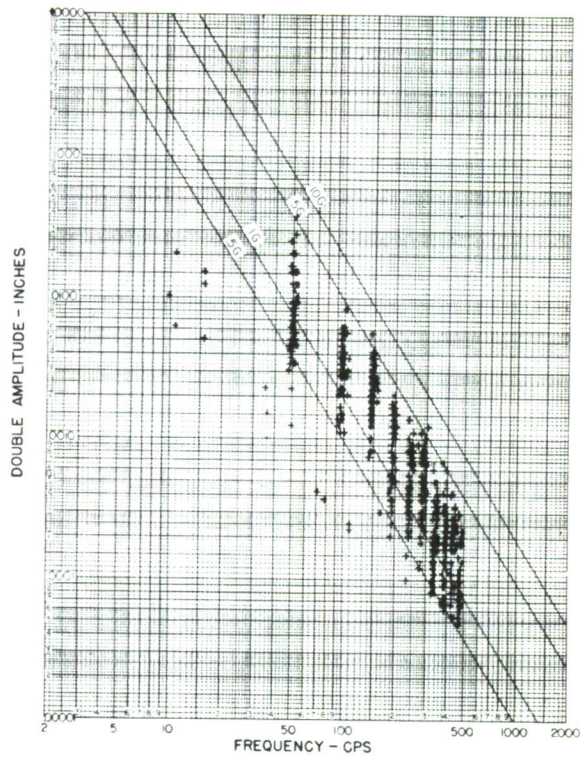


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LOCATION: LEFT SIDE OF FUSELAGE FWD. OF PROP PLANE
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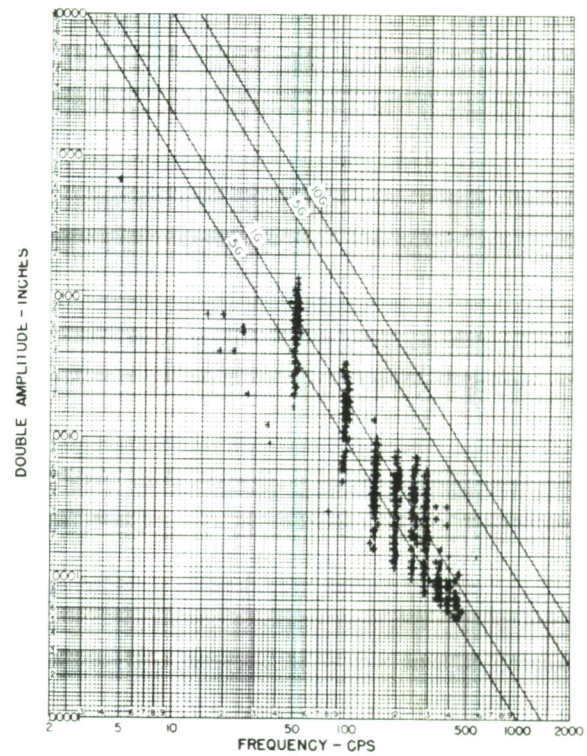


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57" ABOVE CARGO DECK,
STA-680

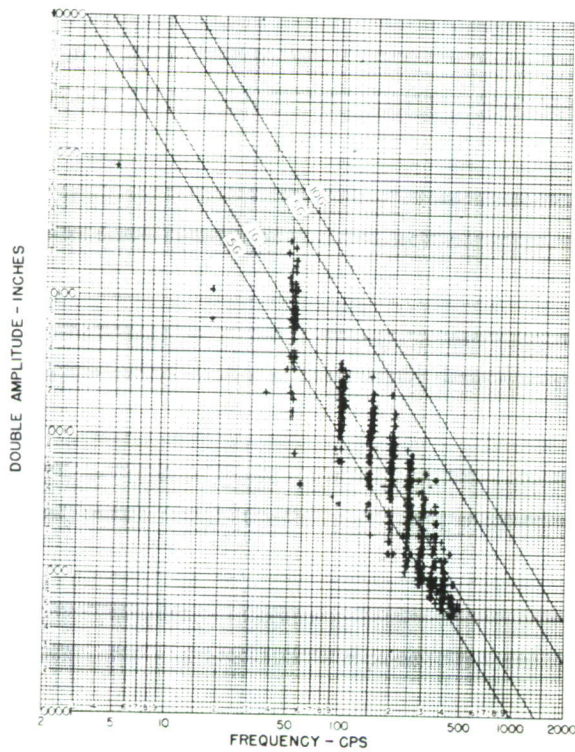


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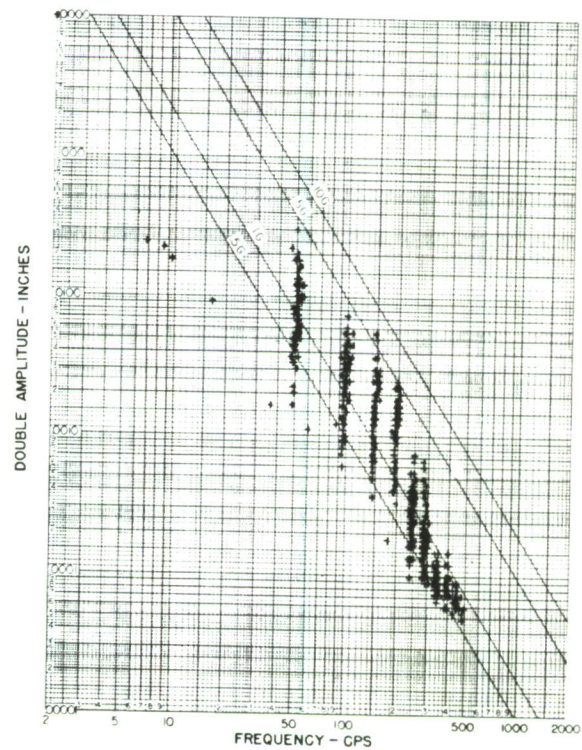


Figure 36. DIRECTION: LAT
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115" ABOVE CARGO DECK,
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Figures 33 to 36. Summary Plots for Individual Vibration Pickups